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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UMG RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware
corporation; VIRGIN RECORDS AMERICA,
INC., a California corporation; SONY BMG
MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, a Delaware
general partnership; LAFACE RECORDS LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company; and BMG
MUSIC, a New York general partnership,
Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN DOE,
Defendant.

CASE NO.

6030

**EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE
TO TAKE IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY**

Ex Parte Application for Leave to Take Immediate Discovery

Case No.

#33978 v1

1 Plaintiffs, through their undersigned counsel, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil
2 Procedure 26 and 45, the Declaration of Carlos Linares, and the authorities cited in the supporting
3 Memorandum of Law, hereby apply *ex parte* for an Order permitting Plaintiffs to take immediate
4 discovery.

5 In support thereof, Plaintiffs represent as follows:

6 1. Plaintiffs, record companies who own the copyrights in the most popular
7 sound recordings in the United States, seek leave of the Court to serve limited, immediate discovery
8 on a third party Internet Service Provider ("ISP") to determine the true identity of Defendant , who is
9 being sued for direct copyright infringement.¹

10 2. As alleged in the complaint, Defendant Doe , without authorization, used an
11 online media distribution system to download Plaintiffs' copyrighted works and/or distribute
12 copyrighted works to the public. Although Plaintiffs do not know the true name of Defendant Doe ,
13 Plaintiffs have identified Defendant by a unique Internet Protocol ("IP") address assigned to
14 Defendant on the date and time of Defendant's infringing activity.

15 3. Plaintiffs intend to serve a Rule 45 subpoena on the ISP seeking documents
16 that identify Defendant's true name, current (and permanent) address and telephone number, e-mail
17 address, and Media Access Control ("MAC") address. Without this information, Plaintiffs cannot
18 identify Defendant Doe or pursue their lawsuit to protect their copyrighted works from repeated
19 infringement.

20 4. Good cause exists to allow Plaintiffs to conduct this limited discovery in
21 advance of a Rule 26(f) conference where there are no known defendants with whom to confer.
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26 ¹ Because Plaintiffs do not yet know Defendant's true identity, Plaintiffs are unable to personally serve
27 Defendant with a copy of this motion. Instead, Plaintiffs will serve the Clerk of Court pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.
28 5(b)(2)(C) ("If the person served has no known address, [service under Rule 5(a) is made by] leaving a copy with the
clerk of the court.") and will serve Defendant's ISP with a copy of this motion. Additionally, if the Court grants this
motion, Plaintiffs will ask the ISP to notify the Defendants of the subpoena and provide Defendant with an opportunity
to object.

1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs apply *ex parte* for an Order permitting Plaintiffs to conduct
2 the foregoing requested discovery immediately.

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4 Dated: November 29, 2007

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